

REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested.

The specification has been amended to include the attached Sequence Listing in place of any previously filed Sequence Listing. The attached paper and computer readable copies of the Sequence Listing are the same. No new matter has been added. A separate Statement to this effect is attached.

The specification has been amended to delete the amendments to the specification which were submitted August 13, 1999. Specifically, the original Figures have been reinserted and the Tables added in the Amendment of August 13, 1999, deleted. The previously amended text of the specification has been inserted above.

New pages 6, 30 and 31 are attached and a marked-up copy of the same is attached which indicates the changes in hand-written text.

The Figures have been amended to include separately labeled sheets (i.e., A, B, C,... etc.) and sequence identifiers. No new matter has been added. A separate marked-up copy of the figures indicating the changes is not believed to be required however the applicants will file the same upon a further request by the Examiner.

Acknowledgment of receipt of the priority documents in the International Phase, as noted in the Notification of Acceptance dated June 16, 1997, in the Examiner's next Action is requested.

Return of initialed copies of the PTO-1449 Forms filed January 26, 2001, May 4, 2001, May 9, 2001, June 1, 2001, and March 18, 2002, pursuant to MPEP §609, is requested.

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A Correct Filing Receipt in response to the undersigned's Request of March 19, 2002, is requested.

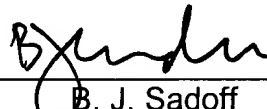
A Change of Address was filed September 27, 2002. The Office is requested to address all future correspondence relating to the above to the undersigned.

An early and favorable Action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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